

# The Piarist Fathers



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## March—2021

**St. Helena's School (718) 892-3234**

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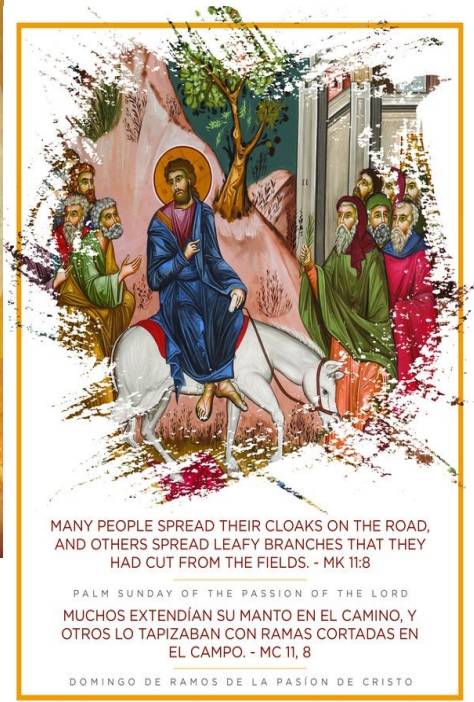
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# saint Helena



## Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

**Saturday: 5:30 PM**

**Sunday:** AM PM  
8:00 12:00 (Español)  
10:00 (Family) 5:00  
6:30 (Français)

**Confessions:** Saturday — 4 to 5:30

**Sick Or Emergency Calls:**

Call the Rectory at 892-3232

### Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9.00PM
- Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
- Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- First Friday: 1 to 6:30PM
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM  
and Sunday 11:15AM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

**Holy Days:** 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 7:30PM

**Weekdays & Sat.:** 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

**Spanish Mass:** Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Holy Days—Evenings Before—7:00PM

Wednesday — 7:00PM (Español)

Monday 7:00PM (every first Monday of the month in Español) Primeros lunes de mes

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

**Marriages:** Arrangements for weddings should be made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

**Parish Registration:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should fill out a registration card at the Rectory.

**Stations of the Cross-Fridays during Lent-1PM-Eng & 7PM-SP**



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**STS. LOUISE AND LONGINUS - March 15**

Today is the feast of St. Louise de Marillac. She was born in 1592 and married in 1613. When her husband died, she made a vow of widowhood and devoted herself entirely to works of charity and service to the poor in their homes. St. Vincent de Paul, became her spiritual director and gradually initiated her into his own charitable works for the poor and afflicted, and in 1639 they founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity to which Saint Louise dedicated the rest of her life. She died in 1660 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1934.

According to the Roman Martyrology, today is also the feast of St. Longinus, the soldier who is said to have pierced the Lord's side with a spear and who later converted to Christianity and is a saint.

**ST. PATRICK - March 17**

This day is not all about leprechauns, shamrock shakes, and green beer. This is a day to honor and pray to St. Patrick, the patron saint of the Archdiocese of New York. He was an influential saint who, 1,500 years ago, brought Christianity to Ireland. Not many facts are known about his life. He was born around AD 415 in the British Isles and was a Roman Briton. When he was about sixteen, while he was tending his sheep, some Irish raiders captured him and made him a slave. After six years, he escaped and returned to Britain. There he heard the call to return and bring Christianity to Ireland. He was ordained a priest, consecrated as a bishop, and came back to Ireland around 432. Many legends are associated with St. Patrick: how he drove the snakes out of Ireland, and the use of the shamrock to teach the mystery of the Trinity. St. Patrick succeeded in bringing Catholicism to Ireland, and in due time, the whole country converted from their pagan gods to the one true God. During the thirty years that his missionary labors continued, he covered the Island with churches and monasteries; in 444 he founded the metropolitan see of Armagh. St. Patrick died in 461. After fifteen centuries he remains for all Irishmen the great bishop whom they venerate as their father in the Faith.

**ST. JOSEPH - March 19**

This is the Year of St. Joseph, who was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster-father of Jesus. He was probably born in Bethlehem and died in Nazareth. His important mission in God's plan of salvation was to legally insert Jesus Christ into the line of David from whom, according to the prophets, the Messiah would be born, and to act as his father and guardian. Most of our scant information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in any of the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. We find no devotion to Saint Joseph in the early Church. It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. In 1870, Pius IX declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church.

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man-an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary. The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture. Of Saint Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the shadowy background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded even greater honor. Our liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult. At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19, which is one of the ten universal Roman Holy Days of Obligation, our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1, everyone honors him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

**CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**-His Eminence will offer the Consecration of the Archdiocese of New York to St. Joseph on **Friday, March 19** following the 7AM Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass and consecration will be live-streamed and archived on the web page at [www.saintpatrickscathedral.org](http://www.saintpatrickscathedral.org). All of the parishes and schools in the archdiocese may make this very important consecration simultaneously with the Cardinal or at another appropriate time. The consecration prayers can be found on the website of the archdiocese at [www.archnyc.org](http://www.archnyc.org).

**DISPENSATION FROM MEAT**-The Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and patron saint of the universal Church, is commemorated on March 19, and this year that celebration falls on a Friday of Lent. His Eminence is happy to grant a dispensation from abstinence from meat to all within the Archdiocese as part of the observance of this Solemnity during the Year of St. Joseph. As we rejoice with a festive meal, it would be most appropriate to make a gift to our food pantry to be sure that the poor will eat. If you decide to make use of this special dispensation, you are encouraged to choose another day during the week to abstain from meat as part of the Lenten observances.

**SECOND COLLECTION**-This weekend we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and for sincere reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection online at: [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**SECOND COLLECTION** next weekend is for our Catholic Elementary School. We have a new open house video of our school now playing on both our school and parish websites. Please view the video be generous in the collection.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** is a system introduced in the USA in 1966 to reduce electricity usage by extending daylight hours. For eight months out of the year, the US and dozens of other countries follow DST, and for the remaining four months, revert back to standard time in order to take full advantage of the sunlight. Since 2007, on the second Sunday of March at 2 a.m., clocks move forward one hour. Then, on the first Sunday of November at 2 a.m., the clocks turn back an hour.

**SPANISH FAMILY SESSION** takes place today, **Sunday, March 14** at 1PM in the cafeteria.

**ENGLISH FAMILY SESSION** will take place next **Sunday, March 21** at 11AM in the cafeteria.

**MANDATORY CONFIRMATION MEETING** of all parents/guardians of St. Helena Confirmation Candidates on **Wednesday, March 17** at 6PM in the cafeteria. The meeting is very important for the proper reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY** has resumed on **Tuesdays** and on **Sundays**. Classes will be at 1PM and 7:30PM on **Tuesdays** and **Sundays** at 11:15AM. Our study topic will be Jesus in the Bible.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** takes place in the church every Friday during Lent at 1PM in English and 7PM in Spanish. They can all be seen on our YouTube Channel, St. Helena Film Ministries.

**CALASANZ MOVEMENT YOUTH GROUP** is now meeting virtually every **Friday** at 7PM.

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP** every **Mon.** at 7PM in the church.

**ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP** every **Sat** at 1PM in Green Bldg.

**LEGION OF MARY** meets every **Sat.** at 1PM in Peralta Room.

**PARISH CALENDARS** are still available in the Rectory.

**PARISH BAPTISMS**-You must attend a one-hour baptismal class prior to the event. You must come to the rectory and register for the class, which takes place on **Thursdays** evenings at 7PM.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**BOOKS & DRAWINGS** by Fr. Fernando Negro are available for your perusal every Sunday from **9AM-1:30PM** in the room beside the Religious Goods Room.

**2021 CARDINAL'S APPEAL**-The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! Our parishes are places of deep encounter with our Eucharistic Lord and with one another. You can help the most vulnerable parishes across the archdiocese by giving a one-time or monthly gift to the Cardinal's *Appeal*. Please make your gift at [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) or use the Appeal envelope.

La Campaña del Cardenal 2021 ha comenzado! Nuestras parroquias son el lugar de encuentro con nuestro Señor en la Eucaristía y con nuestros hermanos. Puede ayudar a las parroquias más vulnerables de la arquidiócesis haciendo un donativo único o mensual a la Campaña de Cardenal. Hagan su donativo en [www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org) o utilizando el sobre de la Campaña. Gracias por tu generosidad.

Our parish goal is \$51,500, and we are now at 47% of our goal with \$24,350 pledged from 111 people.

**THE LIFE OF ST. PATRICK** will be shown in the Green Bldg. the day before St. Patrick's Day, **Tuesday, March 16 at 7:30PM.**

**THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH** will be shown in the Green Bldg. on St. Joseph's Day, **Friday, March 19 at 1PM and 7:30PM.**

**NEXT FOOD PANTRY**-The grand opening of our regular Food Pantry will be on St. Patrick's Day, **Wed., March 17 at 12PM.**

**ST. HELENA SELF-TESTING SITE**-NYC Test and Trace staff is at St. Helena, **March 15-18, 22-25 and 29-31** from **9:30AM-4PM** to assist people ages 4 and up in using self-swab COVID-19 testing kits. These tests are more comfortable, free of charge, and provide results within 48 hours. You must have an email address to get results. COVID is rising, so please get tested.

**VIEW ON FORMED**-Everyone at St. Helena's has a free parish subscription at [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Just click join as a parishioner. The 17<sup>th</sup> is St. Patrick's Day. Watch *In the Footsteps of St. Patrick* or *St. Patrick: Pilgrimage of Peace*. For children Watch: *Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle* or *The Story of St. Patrick*. Also Listen to: the Audio Drama: *The Trials of St. Patrick*. On the 19<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Watch: *Joseph of Nazareth* or *The Story of the Nativity*, or Listen to: *St. Joseph- Patron of the Universal Church*, or *The School of Nazareth*.

**FARM SHARE PROGRAM**-Here you can purchase fresh, local veggies, fruits, and eggs every other week for a low cost of \$10-\$20. Register at <http://corbinhill-foodproject.org/sign-up>. For more information, contact [farmshare@corbinhillfarm.com](mailto:farmshare@corbinhillfarm.com).

**VIRTUAL COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS**-St. Helena is introducing an exciting new VIRTUAL program called Mindful Eating for the Beloved Community. There are nine cooking demonstration sessions which will broadcast every other week. The lead instructor is award-winning chef Alex Askew. Visit: <http://www.bit.ly/mebc2021> to register. The next video will be on **Wed., March 17 at 6:30PM.**

**FREE VIRTUAL NARCAN TRAINING** on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month from **12-1:30PM**. Free kits available to those who complete the training. Call Aja at **929-244-1500 X 1607**.

**FREE CATHOLIC COURSES**-Receive a free on-line Catholic education in many areas. This is a website you will go back to time and again. <https://www.catholiconline.school>.

**MISSALETTES**-Lenten bilingual missalettes are now available in the rectory for \$2. They will be used for Easter and Holy Week.

**VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS**-meet every **Saturday** at **9AM**. Call in at **712-770-5372**, and the access code is: 178602.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: March 7—\$5,659.77**

Masses Live-Streamed from St Helena take place **Mon-Sat** in **Eng** at **8:30AM** and every **Wed** and **First Monday** in **Spanish** at **7PM & Sun** at **10AM** and **12PM** at [www.facebook.com/St.HelenaBronx](http://www.facebook.com/St.HelenaBronx). Our Parish YouTube Channel is **St. Helena Film Ministry**.

## Mass Intentions

### March 14 – Sunday— Fourth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** +Constance Warneke  
**10:00 S** +Madeline D. Farley; +*Dolores McInerney Marziano*  
**12:00 S (Sp)** +Ramona Carron; +Maria Mata, Martha Laureano and for the Health of the Ramos Family; +America Lebron; +Franklin Mendez and Agustina Mata; +Victor Castro, Rafael Baez and Ramona Baez Herrera; +Ana Maria Ramos and Marcelino Ramos; +Magaly Martinez and Asia Moralez; +Daniel Cordero; +Jacqueline French; Angel Luis Cordero-Health Intention

**5:00** +Carmen Diaz and Antonio Lonzano

**6:30 S (Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

### March 15 – Monday – St. Louise de Marillac & St. Longinus

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors

**8:30 S** +Floyd Mico

**12:15** +Hector Ramos

### March 16 – Tuesday – St. Abraham Kidunaia

**6:30\*** +Julia Deegan

**8:30 S** Vincent McDonnell-Inten; +*Ofelia & Carmelo Torres, Sr.*

**10:00** Funeral Mass- +Delia Flores

**12:15** Brenda and Scott Van de Weghe's Utmost Facility Achieving Salvation

### March 17 – Wednesday – Solemnity of St. Patrick

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to the Van de Weghe's

**8:30 S** +Carmen Bravo

**12:15** +Elizabeth Harty

**7:00 S (Sp)** +Adriano Diaz; +America Lebron;

### March 18 – Thursday – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**6:30\*** Joanne Savino's Intentions

**8:30 S** Alessandra Mia Savino's Utmost Facility to Achieve Salvation & for a Close and Loving Relationship with her Paternal Grandmother

**12:15** +Michael Guido; +*Joana Rodriguez-1st year Anniversary*

### March 19 – Friday – Solemnity of St. Joseph

**6:30\*** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to Alessandra Mia

**8:30 S** Elizabeth McGlade Intentions In Thanksgiving for Graces Received from St. Joseph

**12:15** +Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.; +*Clitom Allen-5th Anniversary*

### March 20 – Saturday – St. Cuthbert

**6:30\*** +Alberto Brinz

**8:30 S** +Justina Ramos

**10:00** Funeral Mass- +Miguel Martinez

**12:15** +Luis M. Capellan

**5:30** +Jose Davila-Ortiz

### March 21 – Sunday— Fifth Sunday of Lent

**8:00** +Margaret Callaghan

**10:00 S** +Oscar Marcial & Etan Nevarez; *Carlos Rexach-Healing*

**12:00 S (Sp)** Familia Carrillo Medina-Intentions; +America Lebron; +Victor Castro, Rafael Baez and Ramona Baez Herrera; Accion de Gracias Cumpleanos Victor Candelaria; +Rosendo Tepale, Lusía Hernandez, Fernando Cinto and Virginia and Micaela Campos;

+Daniel Cordero; +Julio Lorenzo

**1:30** Memorial Mass-+Kossi Togbonou

**5:00** +Gilbert D. Prince, Jr.

**6:30 S (Fr)** +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

*Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics*  
*\*not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed*

### Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

**Sun.:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38; **Mon:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54; **Tues:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16; **Wed:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30; **Thurs:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47; **Fri:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a; **Sat:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53; **Next Sun:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45